

issues involving intellectual property rights.

In addition, the purpose of this meeting will be to hear reports from the working groups of various issues that chart the future direction and work plan of the committee. The members will look at the substantive issues on which the committee should focus, as well as specific countries and regions of interest to the committee.

This meeting will be held on Thursday, January 29, 1998, from 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in Room 1105 of the Main Building of the U.S. Department of State, located at 2201 "C" Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20520. Members of the public may attend these meetings up to the seating capacity of the room. While the meeting is open to the public, admittance to the State Department Building is only by means of a pre-arranged clearance list. In order to be placed on the pre-clearance list, please provide your name, title, company, social security number, date of birth, and citizenship to Shirlett Brewer at (202) 647-8345 or by fax at (202) 647-0158. All attendees must use the "C" Street entrance. One of the following valid ID's will be required for admittance: any U.S. driver's license with photo, a passport, or a U.S. Government agency ID.

For further information, contact Timothy C. Finton, Executive Secretary of the Committee, at (202) 647-5385.

Dated: December 15th, 1997.

Timothy C. Finton,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Shipping Coordinating Committee; Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea; Working Group on Dangerous Goods, Solid Cargoes and Containers; Meeting Notice

The Working Group on Dangerous Goods, Solid Cargoes and Containers (DSC) of the Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, January 21, 1998, in Room 2415, at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The purpose of the meeting is to finalize preparations for the Third Session of the DSC Subcommittee of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) which is scheduled for February 9-13, 1998, at the IMO Headquarters in London.

The agenda items of particular interest are:

a. Amendment 29 to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code, its Annexes and Supplements including harmonization of the IMDG Code with the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods.

b. Implementation of Annex III of the Marine Pollution Convention (MARPOL 73/78), as amended.

c. Revision of the format of the IMDG Code.

d. Amendments to SOLAS chapters VI and VII to make the IMDG Code mandatory.

e. Amendments to SOLAS chapter VII to make the Irradiated Nuclear Fuel (INF) Code mandatory.

f. Implementation of IMO instruments and training requirements for cargo-related matters, including revision of resolution A.537(13) and development of multimodal training requirements.

g. Revision of the Emergency Schedules (EmS).

h. Revision of MSC/Circ.613 to include offshore tank containers.

i. Amendments to the Bulk Solids Code, including evaluation of properties of solid bulk cargoes.

j. Reports on incidents involving dangerous goods or marine pollutants in packaged form on board ships or in port areas.

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: Mr. E. P. Pfersich, U.S. Coast Guard (G-MSO-3), 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling (202) 267-1577.

Dated: December 19, 1997.

Russell A. La Mantia,

Chairman, Shipping Coordinating Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Proposed Advisory Circular (AC) 23.1419-2A, Certification of 14 CFR Part 23 Airplanes for Flight in Icing Conditions

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Proposed Advisory Circular (AC) 23.1419-2A, and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of and request for comments on a proposed AC, which provides

information and guidance concerning certification of part 23 airplanes for flight in icing conditions.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 3, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments on the proposed AC to: Federal Aviation Administration, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, Standards Office (ACE-110), 601 East 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ervin Dvorak, Standards Office (ACE-111), Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration; telephone number (816) 426-6941.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any person may obtain a copy of this proposed AC by contacting the person named above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

COMMENTS INVITED: We invite interested parties to submit comments on the proposed AC. Commenters must identify AC 23.1419-2A and submit comments to the address specified above. The FAA will consider all communications received on or before the closing date for comments before issuing the final AC. The proposed AC and comments received may be inspected at the Standards Office (ACE-110), Suite 900, 1201 Walnut, Kansas City, Missouri, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. weekdays, except Federal holidays.

BACKGROUND: This Advisory Circular, AC 23.1419-2A, Certification of Part 23 Airplanes for Flight in Icing Conditions, sets forth an acceptable means, but not the only means of demonstrating compliance with the ice protection requirements in 14 CFR part 23. The FAA will consider other methods of demonstrating compliance that an applicant may elect to present. This material is neither mandatory nor regulatory in nature and does not constitute a regulation. This AC will cancel AC 23.1419-2, Certification of Part 23 Airplanes for Flight in Icing Conditions, dated January 3, 1992. This AC revises AC 23.1419-2 for icing certification for part 23 airplanes to address the following NTSB Recommendations: A-91-90, A-92-64, and A-92-86, the later amendments (23-41, 23-42, 23-43, 23-45, and 23-49) in part 23, and it provides information regarding tail plane icing.

The FAA Inflight Aircraft Icing Plan has tasks to improve the regulations and guidance related to certification of airplanes for operation in icing conditions defined by Appendix C and,